

More than anything else, Wilson Goode is a person who can bring people together. He did that as a mayor, he did that in his candidacy, and now does that as a reverend.

Mr. Speaker, in these troubled times it is important that we hear from people like W. Wilson Goode, so I welcome him with pride, and I thank him for being here.

Again, there are a whole lot of titles that he holds, a whole lot of positions that he held, but the one most endearing with me, the position and title that he holds with me, is dear friend. I thank him, and may God continue to bless him, and God bless our troops.

#### CALLING TERRORISTS "TERRORISTS"

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, since September 11, journalists have been working overtime to report on the war on terrorism. They have done a good job. Terrorism, the Taliban, Afghanistan, are not well understood by the American people, and our newspapers and electronic media have been working hard to educate us.

I have one serious concern, though. Some of our news organizations have decided not to use the word "terrorist" to describe the suicidal maniacs who took so many lives 4 weeks ago.

Now, I understand that reporters want to be objective. I understand that if they are going to be trusted and taken seriously, the media does not want to take sides.

But reporters also have a duty to report the truth. There comes a point when this kind of even-handedness stands in the way of the truth. The truth here is that the killers were madmen and terrorists, willing to take the law into their own hands and kill thousands of innocent men, women, and children.

The lie is that they were victims of Western imperialism who died valiantly for their cause. This is not a debate even the media should be removed from, it is a debate between good and evil. If we refuse to tell the truth or call a spade a spade, we are making the killers just a little bit stronger.

We should call bin Laden's killers terrorists, because that is what they are.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY ACT

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday President Bush formally opened the Office of Homeland Security and appointed Governor Tom Ridge as its Director. I applaud the President's efforts, and I am pleased with his vision for the office.

Yet, concerns have arisen regarding how much control Governor Ridge will actually have. As Ash Carter of the Boston Globe noted, "White House czars have historically been toothless, unable to control activities of cabinet bureaucracies. To be effective as homeland security czar, Ridge will need influence over the budgets."

That is why I joined with the gentlewoman from California (Ms. HARMAN) in introducing the Office of Homeland Security Act. Our bill will make the office permanent under color of law and provide Governor Ridge the budget authority he will need to coordinate the Federal agencies and resources necessary to protect America from terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, passage of this legislation is critical to our efforts to combat terrorism here at home. I encourage all of my colleagues to support it.

#### SWIFT AND DELIBERATE ACTION

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the swift and deliberate manner with which the President of the United States launched a counterstrike this weekend against the al Qaeda and their government patrons.

By initiating military action in a timely and overwhelming manner, we are sending a clear message about the price to be paid for attacking the people of the United States of America.

The heroes of this conflict will now be fashioned, Mr. Speaker, from among the brave young men and women in uniform who have been called upon to defend our freedom. We in this Congress have given those brave young men and women everything they need to succeed. Their duty now is to serve. Our duty is to pray.

Let us pray for victory, but let us also pray for the safe restoration of our soldiers, sailors, and airmen to their families and friends and communities. The Bible tells us that God has not given us the spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love, and of a sound mind.

Those who think America trembles from the East to the West, from the North to the South, will be proven wrong, not just at the sound of our guns, but at the fortitude that will be demonstrated by the American people in the days and months and years ahead as we move toward victory in this worthy cause.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate is concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

#### AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF RE- VISED EDITION OF PUBLICATION ENTITLED "OUR FLAG"

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 244) authorizing the printing of a revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag."

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 244

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*

#### SECTION 1. PRINTING OF REVISED EDITION OF "OUR FLAG".

A revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag", revised under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, shall be printed as a House document.

#### SEC. 2. NUMBER OF COPIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), there shall be printed a number of copies of the publication described in section 1 as follows:

(1) 250,000 for the use of the House of Representatives, distributed in equal numbers to each Member of the House and each Delegate and Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

(2) 51,500 for the use of the Senate, distributed in equal numbers to each Senator.

(3) 2,000 for the use of the Joint Committee on Printing.

(4) 1,400 for distribution to the depository libraries.

(b) ALTERNATIVE NUMBER.—If the total printing and production costs of the number of copies provided under subsection (a) exceed \$150,000, there shall be printed the maximum number of copies of the publication described in section 1 for which such total costs do not exceed \$150,000, with distribution allocated in the same proportion as in subsection (a).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY).

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 244 is to authorize the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Our Flag."

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today and speak on behalf of this resolution authorizing the reprinting of the publication "Our Flag." Probably at no other time in recent history has our flag had such significance in many Americans' hearts, due to the tragic situation that occurred on September 11, and also the fact that our men and women are, as we speak, answering the call of our country. So it is very close to our hearts.

But it always has been, Mr. Speaker. Traditionally, the American flag has been a symbol of liberty, and it has been carried as a message of freedom to all parts of the world.